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Union Pacific Railroad tries to muzzle  
Katy Trail donor and Katy Trail contract signers

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Union Pacific Rail Road continues its effort to dismantle the Boonville Bridge. The Bridge was required to be "kept available for transportation purposes" at Boonville under terms of the contract paid for by Edward "Ted" Jones and his wife Pat Jones.

Pat Jones, in addition to filing her own litigation to stop the bridge dismantlement, has asked to file a friend of the court brief. Union Pacific objects to the friend of the court filing. "Ted and I gave the gift of the Katy Trail to the people of Missouri by funding the contract with the Rail Road," said Mrs. Jones. "It is disturbing that Union Pacific Railroad wants to prevent me from being heard in court", she added.

Frederick Brunner, who, as Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources under John Ashcroft, signed the Katy Trail contract for the state of Missouri, and Raye Reynolds, who signed for the Railroad, have also asked to file a friend of the court brief. Both assert that the Bridge is now a part of the rail-banked Katy Trail corridor.

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center, headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, is representing Mrs. Jones, Frederick Brunner, Raye Reynolds, and two other former Missouri DNR directors, all of whom desire to file a friend of the court brief. In addition to Brunner, Tracy Mehan served as DNR Director under John Ashcroft and Steve Mahfood served under Mel Carnahan and Bob Holden. "The only entity to benefit from Union Pacific's proposal to demolish the Boonville Bridge is Union Pacific. It stands to reason that Union Pacific wants to stifle anyone who stands in its way," stated Jim Wilson, chairman of the Board of Great Rivers Environmental Law Center.

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